

Idaho 44 Corridor Preservation Study Update



Middleton



LINDER ROAD TO
BALLANTYNE LANE



Star



Eagle

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is improving the intersection of Idaho 44 and Linder Road and rebuilding the highway from W. State Street to just west of Linder Road. Construction will begin this November and will be completed next winter.

★ ITD will use a *design-build* method for this project. Design-build is a streamlined process in which the

design team and construction team work together simultaneously. This method allows for innovative methods of construction and results in quicker project completion. This project will be the first time for the design-build method to be used in Idaho.

When driving through the construction zone, please slow down, pay attention and plan extra time for your trip. If possible, please use an alternate route.



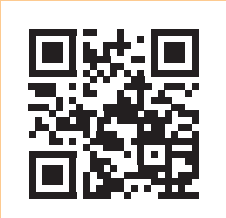
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Send your email address to comments@itd.idaho.gov to receive construction updates

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Call ITD at (208) 334-8005 or email comments@itd.idaho.gov if you have questions

For more information go to: <http://itd.idaho.gov/projects/D3/StateandLinderDesignBuild/>



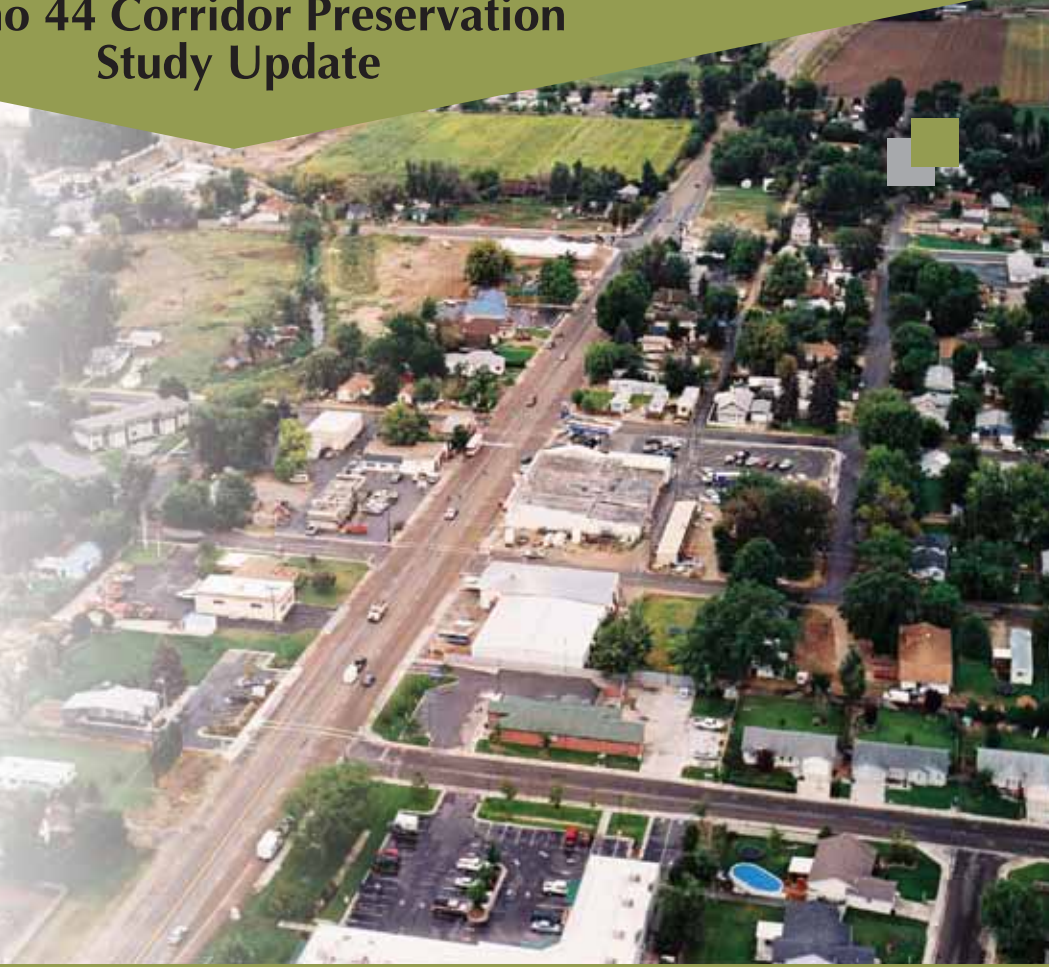
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Look inside for:

- A study update on the Idaho 44 Corridor Preservation Study
- Information about an upcoming construction project on Idaho 44 between Linder Road and Ballantyne Lane

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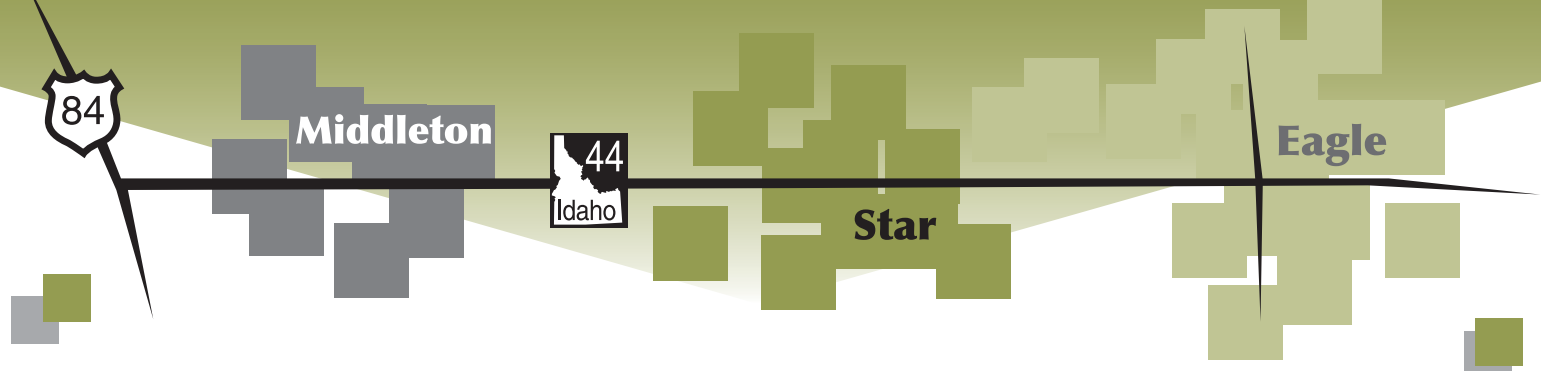
The Idaho Transportation Department is conducting a study to identify long-term improvements to Idaho 44. The study extends from the City of Eagle to I-84 in Caldwell.

Look inside for information about upcoming construction at the intersection of Idaho 44 and Linder Road.

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ABOUT THIS PROJECT

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is studying Idaho 44 between Eagle and Caldwell to determine future improvements.

The Idaho 44 Corridor Preservation Study will identify a range of long-term improvements to the highway that will support the safe and efficient flow of traffic, as well as economic growth.

Since the study was initiated, ITD has:

- Began an environmental review process of the entire Idaho 44 corridor.
- Held open houses to provide the public with an opportunity to learn about the corridor study and give input on the highway's future.
- Developed conceptual roadway features.
- Identified access management strategies.

After this study is finalized, specific improvements will be designed and built as funding becomes available.

UPDATE

ITD proposes to widen and improve the entire Idaho 44 corridor from the City of Eagle to I-84 in Caldwell. Based on input from local governments, highway districts and the public, the roadway's future design considerations are in the process of being developed.

Future design considerations include:

- Two lanes of travel in each direction.
- Signalized intersections every half mile at the minimum.
- 10 foot paved shoulders.
- Urban features (i.e., sidewalks) where appropriate (i.e., Star).

ITD has met with impacted property owners along the corridor and shared its vision for the types of improvements that will be made and their impacts.

As part of the vision, ITD has incorporated the Middleton southern bypass as identified in the City of Middleton's Comprehensive Plan. This bypass would start near Canyon Lane, continue east connecting to Middleton Road near South Kings Avenue, and connect back to the existing highway near Duff Lane.



Property owner meeting in July 2012.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that an environmental review be completed before corridor improvements are made and before land can be acquired with federal funds. An Environmental Assessment (EA) is in the process of being completed and will be available for public review in early 2013. The EA will identify impacts to:

- Social and Economic Conditions/Environmental Justice/Land Use.
- Archaeological, Cultural and Historical Resources/Visual Quality.
- Transportation, Noise and Air Quality.
- Wetlands/Wildlife, Fish and Vegetation/Threatened and Endangered Species.
- Surface Water/Floodplains/Water Quality/Groundwater/Soils.
- Hazardous Materials Storage Sites.

After ITD receives and addresses public comment on the draft EA, they will submit the final EA to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). ITD anticipates the EA will be reviewed by FHWA during the summer of 2013. The EA must be approved and a Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) issued before corridor improvements can occur or before land can be acquired.

Transportation agencies and city planners will continue to coordinate on issues such as access management and future development as the study progresses. Funds are currently not available to acquire land, prepare final design plans or construct any components of this project.

NEXT STEPS

ITD will complete the draft EA.

It is anticipated that the public hearing will be held in early 2013, which will give you an opportunity to review and comment on the environmental report and proposed improvements.

ITD will be back in touch with you early next year when the date for the public hearing is set.

ITD will begin designing and building improvements to the corridor when funding becomes available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our project website:

- Go to <http://itd.idaho.gov/projects/D3/SH44Corridor/>
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